

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on February 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lexi Goble, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 432, 2/13/2017; HB 433, 2/13/2017
Executive Action: HB 344, HB 429

HEARING ON HB 432

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:29 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 432, Clarify water right not abandoned if conveyance disrupted.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:14 Kallie Linse, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:06 Rep. Flynn
00:05:42 Rep. Hamlett
00:06:15 Rep. Z. Brown
00:06:37 Rep. Hamlett
00:07:04 Rep. Fleming joined the meeting
00:07:06 Rep. Court joined the meeting
00:07:23 Rep. Flynn
00:08:09 Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:52 Rep. Hamlett

00:09:37 Brief Recess

00:14:36 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 433

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:54 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 433, Prohibit condemnation of agricultural water.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:48 Chair White
00:18:43 Rep. Hamlett
00:19:11 Chair White
00:19:36 Rep. Hamlett
00:19:53 Rep. Flynn
00:20:22 Rep. Hamlett
00:21:11 Rep. Flynn
00:21:32 Rep. Hamlett

00:22:08 Rep. Curdy
00:23:24 Rep. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:30 Rep. Hamlett
00:25:05 Chair White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 344

00:25:22 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 344 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:25:37 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:26:03 Chair White

00:26:09 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 344 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nah33a01)

Discussion:

00:26:22 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:27:13 Chair White
00:28:13 Rep. Curdy
00:29:16 Rep. Abbott
00:29:46 Chair White
00:30:09 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:30:32 Rep. B. Brown
00:30:56 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:31:33 Rep. Curdy
00:32:15 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:32:33 Chair White

00:33:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:33:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 344 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Galt voting no. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 429

0:34:59 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 429 DO PASS.**

00:35:09 Chair White

00:35:23 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 429 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nah33a02)

Discussion:

00:35:40 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:36:18 Chair White

00:36:26 Rep. B. Brown
00:36:49 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:37:02 Rep. B. Brown
00:37:26 Chair White
00:37:48 Rep. Fitzgerald
00:38:37 Chair White
00:38:45 Rep. B. Brown
00:39:13 Rep. Gunderson

00:39:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:40:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 429 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:41:24 Chair White
00:42:31 Rep. Z. Brown
00:42:55 Rep. B. Brown
00:43:51 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:45:03

Lexi Goble, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah33aad.pdf](#))